## **COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT ACTION NOTICE**

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** 

June 16, 2011

The Compact met today and extended the commercial shad fishery, which was scheduled to close June 21. The following tables reflect the modified season to the ongoing fishery, including today's action (a four-day extension through June 24).

Washougal Reef Commercial Shad Fishery	
Season:	Monday through Friday (except on the observed Memorial Day holiday) from May 10 through June 24, 2011.  Open hours are 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.(midnight)
Area:	Waters of Zones 4-5 inside a line commencing at the white six-second equal-interval light approximately ¾ miles east of the Washougal Woolen Mill pipeline and projected westerly to the Washougal blinker light, thence to the four-second blinker light on the east end of Lady Island, thence easterly and along the shoreline of Lady Island to the State Highway 14 Bridge, thence easterly across the State Highway 14 Bridge to the mainland.
Gear:	Single-wall, unslackened, floater gill net; 53/8"-61/4" mesh size restrictions; and a 30-lb maximum breaking strength. Net may not exceed 150 fathoms in length or 40 meshes in depth.
Allowable Sales:	Only shad may be kept and sold. All other fish must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

Area 2S Commercial Shad Fishery	
Season:	Monday through Friday (except on the observed Memorial Day holiday) from May 10 through June 24, 2011.  Open daily from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Areas:	A true north/south line through Light #50 near the mouth of the Sandy River upstream to the commercial fishing boundary near Beacon Rock.
Gear:	Single-wall, unslackened, floater gill net; 5\%"- 6\%" mesh size restrictions; 10-lb breaking strength; and the net may not exceed 150 fathoms in length or 40 meshes in depth. Rip lines are authorized spaced not closer than 20 corks apart.
Allowable Sales:	Only shad may be kept and sold. All other fish must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

- A hearing is scheduled for 1 PM Thursday June 23, via teleconference. Agenda items include recreational sturgeon fisheries in Bonneville Pool and the area below Wauna powerlines. Commercial treaty and non-Indian salmon fisheries may also be on the agenda.
- A fall compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday July 28 in the Astoria area; location to be determined.